GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities had recommended that `Pichde Alpsankhyak Evam Arthik Yojna` be taken up in the 11th plan to focus on social, economic and educational development of the minorities;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has opposed this plan;

(c) if so, reasons therefore;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has taken a final decision in regard to sub-plan for minorities;

(f) if so, the details thereof: and

(g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A. R. ANTULAY)

(a) to (g): Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities has written to the Prime Minister, who is also the Chairman of the Planning Commission, in October, 2007, to introduce a minority sub-plan in the 11th Five Year Plan for the welfare of minorities. The full Planning Commission has, in its meeting held on 8 November, 2007, approved the 11th Five Year Plan. In the Year 2006-07, the corpus fund of the Foundation was increased from Rs.100 crores to Rs. 200 crores. The Foundation is implementing all its schemes out of the interest earned on its corpus. As a result of the increase in the corpus fund, the Foundation has taken up some new schemes and widened its scope of functioning.